

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 38, lines 13-24, with the following amended paragraph:

As such a water-extracting agent, it is preferable to use a liquid agent which uniformly mixes with an electrolyte solution and with which the inside of an interior electrode body is impregnated uniformly. Water-extracting agents capable of being used in the present invention are specifically organic phosphorus compounds and amine compounds. In the case that an organic phosphorus compound is used, the compound may have ~~has~~ a P=O linkage. Such a compound is exemplified by phosphates such as trimethylphosphate, tri-2-propylphosphate, tributylphosphate, tetraisopropylethylenephosphonate, and phosphineoxides such as tributylphosphineoxide, trioctylphosphineoxide, and triphenylphosphineoxide.